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FOR UNDERSECRETARY CASEY

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION ROME INFO BUENOS AIRES, CANBERRA, LONDON,
OTTAWA, PARIS, OECD PARIS, BRUSSELS, PEKING, MOSCOW, BRASILIA,
TOKYO, NEW DELHI AND GENEVA FROM SECSTATE SEP 25 REPEATED YOU:

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CALL FOR WORLD FOOD
CONFERENCE

PERTINENT PORTION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UN
SPEECH RELEVANT TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE FOLLOWS:
"THE GROWING THREAT TO THE WORLD'S FOOD SUPPLY
DESERVES THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THIS ASSEMBLY.
SINCE 1969, GLOBAL CONSUMPTION OF CEREALS HAS RISEN
MORE RAPIDLY THAN PRODUCTION; STOCKS ARE AT THE LOWEST
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LEVELS IN YEARS. WE NOW FACE THE PROSPECT THAT - -

EVEN WITH BUMPER CROPS -- THE WORLD MAY NOT REBUILD
ITS SERIOUSLY DEPLETED RESERVES IN THIS DECADE.

NO ONE COUNTRY CAN COPE WITH THIS PROBLEM. TH
UNITED STATES THEREFORE PROPOSES:

-- THAT A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE BE ORGANIZED
UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES IN 1974 TO DISCUSS WAYS
TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES, AND TO HARNESS THE
EFFORTS OF ALL NATIONS TO MEET THE HUNGER AND
MALNUTRITION RESULTING FROM NATURAL DISASTERS.

-- THAT NATIONS IN A POSITION TO DO SO OFFER
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE CONSERVATION OF FOOD.

THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN
PROVIDING SUCH ASSISTANCE."

SECRETARY'S REFERENCE TO UN AUSPICES INTENDED
TO ENSURE WIDEST INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING
USSR WHICH NOT NOW FAO MEMBER.

SECRETARY KISSINGER CONCEIVES CONFERENCE AS DEALING
WITH LONGER TERM FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SITUATION.
USG WILL BE CONSULTING WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, WITH
FAO AND OTHER RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
ON TIMING, PLACE AND AUSPICES AND HOW BEST TO PREPARE
SUBSTANTIVELY FOR CONFERENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION
REGULARLY SCHEDULED FAO MEETINGS FROM NOW THROUGH
NOVEMBER SHOULD HELP CONSIDERABLY TO DEVELOP IDEAS
FOR CONFERENCE.

USG IS FULLY MINDFUL OF PROPOSALS ALREADY MADE
BY DR. BOERMA ON WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND LOOKS FORWARD
TO THE ELABORATION OF THESE PROPOSALS AND TO HIS VIEWS
ON HOW BEST TO ORGANIZE THE CONFERENCE, WHETHER
IT WOULD BE HELD UNDER FAO OR OTHER UN AUSPICES. RUSH

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